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LOK SABHA

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DRIP IRRIGATION SYSTEM
SADASHIVRAO DADOBA MANDLIK

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any target has been fixed and financial assistance provided to Maharashtra for setting up of drip irrigation system during 2000-2001;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the State Government has sent any proposal to the Union Government toprovide additional assistance for the purpose in the State; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE(SHRI SHRIPAD Y. NAIK)

(a) & (b): A target of 1400 ha has been fixed for drip irrigation during the year 2000-01 under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme in Development of Horticulture through Plasticultureinterventions. The outlay provided for Maharashtra under the Scheme is Rs.309.03 lakhs. The scheme was amalgamated during 2000-01 under the Central Sponsored Scheme on MacroManagement in Agriculture - Supplementation/Complementation of States' Efforts through WorkPlans. A target of 4104 ha has been fixed for drip irrigation in the Work Plan of Maharashtra during 2000-01.

(c) & (d): The State Government requested to provided at least Rs.100 crore per year fordrip irrigation. However based on the budgetary allocations under the Scheme and their performance, the State Government of Maharashtra was provided an assistance of Rs.8655.11 lakhs during the first four years of the Ninth Plan under the Plasticulture Scheme as per the following details:-

Year	Amount Released (Lakh Rs.)
1997-98	2447.00
1998-99	3194.13
1999-2000	2704.75
2000-01	309.23

Since the Scheme got amalgamated under the Macro Management Scheme, the StateGovernment was informed to provide adequate funds for drip irrigation in their Work Plan.